

Charles 'Doc' Anderson

Biography

A graduate of the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Anderson has served as a small animal veterinarian in Waco since 1981. He and his wife Sandie have been married for 27 years and have one son and one grandson.

"Doc" began his involvement in the political process as an advocate for small business. He served on committees for the Texas Association of Business and the National Federation of Independent Businesses and was appointed to the Texas Small Business Advisory Council by Governor Perry. In 1998 and 2000 he represented Texas as a delegate to the Congressional Small Business Summit in Washington, DC.

He was first elected to represent District 56 (Waco and 3/4ths of McLennan County) in 2004 and was re-elected in 2006. This past session he served on the Financial Institutions committee and as Vice-Chairman of the Agriculture and Livestock committee. Additionally, he has been appointed to the statewide Agricultural Policy Council, the multistate Energy Council, and the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Agriculture, Energy, and the Environment.

Representative Anderson lead legislative opposition to the building of 18 pulverized coal plants in the Waco area and introduced a moratorium bill to delay the permitting process, while seeking incentives for "clean coal" projects. The Dallas Morning News called Representative Anderson "courageous" for his stand against the coal plants. Texas Monthly said, " .after listening to both sides of the issue, [Representative Anderson] found himself spearheading a coalition of environmental groups, corporate leaders, Republicans and Democrats in opposing the plants, as well as rethinking the way Texas uses energy."

Representative Anderson also introduced major legislation concerning school bus safety belts, Jessica's Law, and a constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote of the legislature in order to raise the 1% business franchise tax. In his first term, he successfully obtained partial funding for the construction of the new Company F Headquarters for the Texas Rangers, which will also house a public education center on the Rangers. Waco officials and the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum had been seeking state aid for this project for nearly ten years.

"Doc" has also been active as a leader in community organizations and in the veterinary medicine profession. He raises cattle at his ranch in McLennan County.

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